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ROYALTY RATES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Mines has constituted a study group headed by special secretary to review the royalty rates;

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister had also directed the Home Ministry to convene a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Mineral-rich States and consider their views before finalizing the recommendations;

(c) whether the Government has accepted all the recommendations of the Committee as well as the Chief Ministers of Mineral-rich States; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the Government has been able to meet the demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Chief Ministers of some mineral-rich States met the Hon`ble Home Minister, Chairman of Group of Ministers on National Mineral Policy, 2007, on issues relating to mineral policy, in which they also requested the Government for fixing royalty on minerals on ad valorem basis. The recommendations of the Group of Ministers and the report of the Study Group to review the royalty rates of major minerals (other then coal, lignite & sand for stowing) are under consideration of the Government.